

Allergens Coming to a food



The way allergens are labelled on prepacked foods is changing because of new regulations. The Food Information Regulation, which comes into force in December 2014, introduces a requirement that food businesses must provide information about the allergenic ingredients used in any food they sell or provide.

There are 14 major allergens which need to be mentioned (either on a label or through provided Information such as menus) when they are used as ingredients in a food. Here are the allergens, and some examples of where they can be found:



This includes celery stalks, leaves, seeds and the root called celeriac. You can find celery in celery salt, salads, some meat products, soups and stock cubes.

## Cereals containing gluten

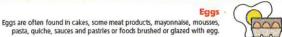
Wheat (such as spelt and Khorasan wheat/Kamut), rye, barley and oats is often found in foods containing flour, such as some types of baking powder, batter, breadcrumbs, bread, cakes, couscous, meat products, pasta, pastry, sauces, soups and fried foods which are dusted with flour.





## Crustaceans

Crabs, lobster, prawns and scampi are crustaceans. Shrimp paste, often used in Thai and south-east Asian curries or salads, is an ingredient to look out for.





You will find this in some fish sauces, pizzas, relishes, salad dressings, stock cubes and Worcestershire sauce.





Yes, Jupin is a flower, but it's also found in flour! Lupin flour and seeds can be used in some types of bread, pastries and even in pasta.

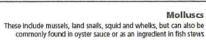




## BAHR

Milk is a common ingredient in butter, cheese, cream, milk powders and yoghurt. It can also be found in foods brushed or glazed with milk, and in powdered soups and sauces.







# Mustard

Liquid mustard, mustard powder and mustard seeds fall into this category.

This ingredient can also be found in breads, curries, marinades, meat products, salad dressings, sauces and soups.



Not to be mistaken with peanuts (which are actually a legume and grow underground), this ingredient refers to nuts which grow on trees, like cashew nuts, almonds and hazelnuts. You can find nuts in breasds, biscuits, crackers, desserts, nut powders (often used in Aslan curries), stir-fried dishes, ice cream, marzipan (almond paste), nut oils and sauces.





## Peanuts

Peanuts are actually a legume and grow underground, which is why it's sometimes called a groundnut. Peanuts are often used as an ingredient in biscuits, cakes, curries, desserts, sauces (such as satay sauce), as well as in groundnut oil and peanut flour.

These seeds can often be found in bread (sprinkled on hamburger buns for example), breadsticks, houmous, sesame oil and tahini. They are sometimes toasted and used in salads.





Often found in bean curd, edamame beans, miso paste, textured soya protein, soya flour or tofu, soya is a staple ingredient in oriental food. It can also be found in desserts, Ice cream, meat products, sauces and vegetarian products

# Sulphur dioxide (sometimes known as sulphites)

This is an ingredient often used in dried fruit such as raisins, dried apricots and prunes. You might also find it in meat products, soft drinks, vegetables as well as in wine and beer. If you have asthma, you have a higher risk of developing a reaction to sulphur dioxide



- For more information, visit: food.gov.uk/allergy or nhs.uk/conditions/allergles

  Sign up to our allergy alerts on food.gov.uk/email, or follow eAllergyAlert on Twitter and Facebook

  Let's keep connected at food.gov.uk/facebook

  Join our conversation @food.gov.uk/twitter